



Ps/Is 229

Parent-Teacher Association

Date, Time, and Location: May 21st, 2024 6:00 -6:55pm. Cafeteria

Meeting called to order by Co-Presidents Jennifer Jansen & Jaime Palazzi at 6:00 pm.

Attendance: A quorum was reached.

Minutes: The minutes of the 04/16/24 meeting were read and approved by Maria Mancino and Christa Baiada

Treasurers Reports The budget was read and accepted. Report attached.

2024-2025 PTA Elections

Timekeeper is Jessica O'Mahoney Schwartz

Jaime – PTA nominations ran uncontested. Our nominating committee, Maya Zumbo and Colleen Lamonte, will read the results. Maya will ask for a motion to approve, Colleen will approve it and then Colleen will ask for someone to second it. Anyone can second it, just please give your full name for minutes purposes.

Maya – Nominations closed on Friday at 5pm and our entire board is running uncontested.

We currently have a nomination for President – Jaime Palazzi. I would like to put a motion on the floor to accept this nomination.

Colleen – I accept the nomination of Jaime as President, can someone please second it. (Maria Mancino)

Congratulations Jaime, as of July 1st you will become PTA President.

Maya - We currently have a nomination for Secretary – Mariia Maksymenko. I would like to put a motion on the floor to accept this nomination.

Colleen – I accept the nomination of Mariia for Secretary, can someone please second it. (Christa Baiada)

2023-2024
Executive Board
Officers

Co-Presidents:
Jaime Palazzi
Jennifer Jansen

Treasurer:
Stephanie Stephen

Secretary:
Maria Maksymenko

Administration

William Kirk
Principal

Assistant Principals:
Christopher Corbett
Kathleen Mai
Angelo Tizabi

Congratulations Mariia, as of July 1st you will continue as PTA Secretary.
Maya - We currently have a nomination for Treasurer – Jennifer Jansen. I would like to put a motion on the floor to accept this nomination.
Colleen – I accept the nomination of Jennifer for Treasurer, can someone please second it. (Maggie Natradze)
Congratulations Jennifer, as of July 1 st you will be PTA Treasurer and congratulations to the 2024-2025 PTA Executive Board.

Jaime – Now on to the SLT election, Jennifer, Maria Mancino and myself are the nominating committee as we are not running for a seat. We have two positions open and they are two year terms. We currently have four nominations, Deanie

Ip, Michael Lacombe, Kathy Natal, Maggie Natradze and Nayeem Siddique. Each nominee will stand and introduce themselves. Deanie, you have 2 minutes to introduce yourself. Michael, who is running for reelection, you have 2 minutes to introduce yourself. Kathy, you have 2 minutes to introduce yourself. Maggie, you have 2 minutes to introduce yourself. Nayeem, you have two minutes to introduce yourself.

We are going to hand out ballots. You must vote for TWO people! Admin and our Parent Coordinator cannot vote. Teachers with a student cannot vote and neither can staff. DOH can vote if you have a student here. Obviously, children are not allowed to vote. You have two minutes to vote, then we will collect the ballots. The votes will be counted three times right in the front of this room. We all have tally sheets and we need to sign off on each other's. We will announce the newly elected SLT members after Mr. Kirk's Principal's Report. Please keep in mind if you

do not win a seat, you can run again next year or sooner if a seat opens up before next May and we have to do an expedited election. PLEASE VOTE FOR TWO PEOPLE!!!

The newly elected members of the SLT are Deanie Ip and Michael LaCombe. I would like to put a motion on the floor to accept these nominations. Can someone please accept the nominations. Can someone please second it.

Accepted by: Jennifer Jansen
Seconded by: Christa Baiada

Congratulations _____ Deanie _____ and _____ Michael _____. As of July 1 st , you will both have seats on the SLT.
Please come up here to fill out paperwork.

Old Business was given by Co-President Jennifer Jansen

1. Our Brooklyn Cyclones fundraiser is back. The game is June 23rd and it's Bluey night. Information was emailed home and the tickets are online purchase only.
2. Our 5th grade celebration will take place on June 13th during school hours. The letters went home two weeks ago, if you have not sent the money in yet, please have it in by June 5th.

New Business was given by Co-president Jaime Palazzi

1. This Monday the 27th we do not have school for Memorial Day.
2. The PTA spent a little under \$1500 for brand new equipment for field day and phys ed classes. We purchased new footballs, badminton sets, badminton nets, volleyballs and nets, soccer balls, new whistles for the phys ed teachers, and a few fun games.
3. The Spring Concert is Thursday, the 30th . It is only for the families of students in orchestra/band and chorus. It starts at 6pm in the multipurpose room.
4. The next ice cream day is Tuesday, June 4th . It's usually the first Friday of the month but we do not have school that day.
5. Wednesday June 5th is the prom, it's the first one since 2019! Tickets will be given out next week to all of those who purchased them.
6. Students do not have school on June 6th and 7th .
7. The next family art workshop is Saturday, June 8th . I will email out all of the information once I get it.
8. Our next PTA meeting is June 11th . There was a conflict on the 18 th so it has been moved.

Principals report was given by Mr. Kirk

Celebrations and Acknowledgements

- Congratulations to student, Eric Yang (604), who's artwork was selected to represent our school and will be on display as part of this year's Brooklyn Borough Art Festival! A celebration is taking place right now at the Brooklyn Children's Museum and Eric's work will be on display for the public to see, beginning May 24th.
- Congratulate to our grade 3 and grade 4 finalists that represented P.S. / I.S. 229 so

well in the District 20 Science Showdown this past Friday!!! Bryan (Duxi) Chen (304), Seraphina Wang (304), Talia Ali (404), and Micha Zhang (404), came in 4th place out of more than 40 schools thanks to their hard work and dedication in learning so much bridge trivia. The bridge that the 3rd and 4th grade classes built during STEAM did not break and held over 50 pounds! Kudos to our third and fourth grade architects, engineers, foreman, and bridge builders as well!

- Our End-of-Year screener results in Reading (i-Ready, grades 3-8) show a 12-percentage point increase in students ON or ABOVE GRADE LEVEL [moved up from 49% to 61%]. 88 students

- Our End-of-Year screener results in Reading (i-Ready, grades 3-8) also show a 9-percentage point decrease in students WELL BELOW GRADE LEVEL [moved down from 31% to 22%]. 56 students

- Our End-of-Year screener results in Reading (Acadience, grades K-2) show a 6-percentage point increase in students ON or ABOVE GRADE LEVEL [moved up from 68% to 74%].

20 students

- Our End-of-Year screener results in Reading (Acadience, grades K-2) also show a 7-percentage point decrease in students WELL BELOW GRADE LEVEL [moved down from 22% to 15%].

22 students

Pre-K Admissions

- Pre-K Application closed on Friday, March 1, 2024 for children born in 2020.

- Pre-K Offers were released last week on May 14, 2024.

K-4 registration ongoing now.

New York State Testing this Spring

- We have successfully completed administering the NYS Tests in ELA (3-8), Math (3-8), and Science (5, 8)

- The window for the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Tests (NYSESLAT)

began April 15th and will conclude on May 24th

- The Algebra Regents will be given on June 4th, the Living Environment Regents on June 14th, and the Spanish Proficiency Exam on June 24th

Curriculum for the 2024-25 School Year

- District 20 Superintendent, Dr. Pretto, has assured principals that there will be no required changes to the curricular programs that we are currently using.

- We will continue to administer diagnostic screeners for reading and math at the beginning of the school year, mid-year, and at the end of the school year.

Title I Status

- We are optimistically waiting to hear that we are eligible for Title I funding in 2024-25. I was informed that we reached 62.3%. If the threshold remains 60% for the upcoming year, we will qualify for the additional funding.

School's initial budgets are slated to be released late May/beginning of June.

Construction/Capital Projects Updates

- After a May 10th meeting with the contractor, the Library Upgrade Project will begin later this week.

The negative is that the library space will be off-limits for the month of June. The positive is that it is realistic that we will have full access by the time students return in September.

- The twelve portable bleachers have been delivered to the multi-purpose room. We are awaiting the matching blue wall padding, which will be installed at the front of the stage once the defunct receptacles are removed.
- The stage surface has already been refurbished (sanded and resealed).
- The four basketball backboards on the sides will be removed.
- We are awaiting word on the upgrades to the sound and lighting.

Summer Rising 2024

The PS/IS 229 building is slated to be open this summer and our students will have access to full summer programming [NYCPS and NIA/BCA] here. Students from PS 205 and PS/IS 104 will be here as well.

Summer Rising results were released in MySchools on Wednesday, April 17th. Not all families who submitted applications will receive offers, as seats are limited. These families were automatically placed on the waitlist for all choices listed on their application.

- Our total seat target [NIA K-5, NIA 6-8, BCA K-5] is 545. We currently have 528 seats accepted.

AP Cuthill, AP Mui, and AP Tipaldi

- **Additional items of note**

Questions were answered.

Citizens of the month were announced and congratulated

Meeting Adjourned 6:55pm. Mariia Maksymenko, Secretary

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